

AMENDED IN SENATE MAY 4, 2006  
AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 27, 2006

**SENATE BILL**

**No. 1253**

---

**Introduced by Senator Migden**

February 8, 2006

---

An act to add Section 422.3 to the Government Code, relating to wine.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1253, as amended, Migden. Official state wine.

Existing law establishes the state flag and the state's emblems, including, among other things, the *golden* poppy as the official state flower and the California redwood as the official state tree.

This bill would establish "zinfandel" as the ~~official state wine~~ *historic wine of California*.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1     SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the  
2     following:  
3     (a) Zinfandel wine arrived in California at the time of the Gold  
4     Rush. Zinfandel quickly became a favorite drink of the Gold  
5     Rush miners and has consistently been one of the most popular  
6     selling varietals. The only place in the world to find "Old Vine"  
7     zinfandel is in California.  
8     (b) ~~Zinfandel is recognized internationally as the only~~  
9     ~~uniquely California wine.~~ Zinfandel's popularity and consistently

1 strong sales have elevated the popularity of previously unknown,  
2 but identical local wines in Italy and Croatia. Zinfandel has a  
3 wide variety of flavors that ~~compliment~~ *complement* the culinary  
4 and cultural diversity of California. Zinfandels have consistently  
5 performed well at national and international wine judging  
6 competitions.

7 (c) Zinfandel's cultural and historical contribution to  
8 California and its importance to California's wine industry make  
9 it worthy of recognition as California's ~~state wine~~ *historic wine*.

10 SEC. 2. Section 422.3 is added to the Government Code, to  
11 read:

12 422.3. "Zinfandel" is the ~~official state wine~~ *historic wine of*  
13 *California*.